

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

September 18, 2007

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioner's Conference Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 18, 2007. Present were:

Mary Jo Kilroy, President
Paula Brooks, Commissioner
Marilyn Brown, Commissioner

President Kilroy welcomed home the 285th Area Support medical Company of the Ohio Army National Guard, a Columbus-based unit that returned from a year-long tour of duty in Iraq. She also reminded viewers of the deadline of October 1, 2007 for the Homestead Exemption and encouraged all who qualify to file.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes. Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of the minutes of the September 11, 2007 General Session and the September 13, 2007 Briefing, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The minutes were approved.

Resolution No. 795-07, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies not subject to Section 3517.13 of the Ohio Revised Code (Purchasing) (\$1,339,489.12) by Karl Kuespert, Director.

These 61 purchase orders have been certified by the Auditor as to the availability of funds, and we request your approval.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 795-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 796-07, approving purchases for over \$500 for various Franklin County Agencies (Purchasing) (\$890,411.31) by Mr. Kuespert.

We request approval of these 77 purchase orders from 14 agencies, pre-certified by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 796-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 797-07, authorizing a contract with Louis R. Polster Co. for the provision of the supply and installation of kitchen equipment for FCCC II (Sheriff) (Estimate of \$140,945) by Brad Priest representing the Sheriff's Office.

This was competitively bid. The items include two stainless steel hot and cold serving lines, a flight type dishwasher, and a built-in stainless steel working table. Three bids were received, and this was the lowest and best.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 797-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 798-07, authorizing a contract with Nikish Software from date of execution through acceptance of system, one year warranty period and four years of maintenance support for an integrated real estate tax accounting software program (Auditor) (Estimate of \$5,417,540) by Auditor Joe Testa and Treasurer Ed Leonard.

Auditor Testa thanked the Commissioners for mentioning the Homestead Exemption. We have received about 30,000 new applicants in Franklin County. President Kilroy asked if one person is over 65 or disabled, does the household qualify. Mr. Testa said yes.

Auditor Testa this is the replacement of the real estate tax accounting system. We discussed this in budget hearings for 2007 and 2008. We spent many months, with the Treasurer's Office, analyzing the solutions through a RFI and an ITB process. The software we use today was installed in 1998. It is not going to be supported beyond 2008. This is up-to-date software that is user friendly, browser based, functional system. The funding is broken into three pieces. The real estate assessment fund is the largest, about 85%; 7% is D-TAC, the Treasurer's Fund, and about 8% is General Fund. We had budgeted \$10 million in 2007 and 2008 for the project. This is not all of it, we do have another piece, a mass appraisal piece. This is the majority, the mainstream tax accounting software that we heavily depend on.

Commissioner Brooks said it sounds like the other software had a useful life of about 10 years. How long do you think this one will last? Mr. Testa said I wish I knew. This is very up-to-date, called dot net, very modern software, enterprise based, powerful and functional. Being browser based makes interconnectivity easy. It has a lot of promise for the future, but who knows what technology will bring. Commissioner Brooks asked if it would be exclusively supported by the vendor, or is it possible to have some competition in the maintenance. Mr. Testa said yes, there will be a possibility for competition. The project carries four-years maintenance as part of it. There is opportunity for us, internally within the Data Center, and externally to be able to find people who are adept at that technology. It is not highly proprietary. It is one of the real attractions to this methodology, it is so broad and we'll be able to do a lot of things, ultimately, internally.

Treasurer Leonard said as you mentioned, that dot net platform is the cutting edge and will allow us the flexibility to continue to support it, well into the future. I want to thank the staff of the Treasurer's Office as well as

the staff of the Auditor's Office for all the hard work that was put in. Identifying the needs of both offices, evaluating the proposals from the bidders and developing the recommendations for the lowest and best bidder. We spent months reviewing and evaluating the proposals, checking with references, putting tough questions to the vendors, and we've come to the same conclusion that the Auditor's Office has, that Nikish Software is the best solution for our needs both now and going into the future.

President Kilroy said this is a large expenditure so we appreciate the diligence that you went about selecting this vendor, reviewing the requirements and what these various software vendors could do for us. Commissioner Brown asked about the timeline. Mr. Testa said we and the vendor are committed to run a parallel first half 2008 tax bill, December of 2008. That is our target.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 798-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 799-07, authorizing a contract extension with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC for the provision of food service for the Juvenile Detention Center (Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations & Juvenile Branch) (One year estimate of \$492,224.39) by Karen Casey.

This is a one-year extension. This provides for all food services for youth in the detention center.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Casey for the nutritional information.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 799-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 800-07, authorizing a settlement to Chelsea Hudson for her insurance deductible due to an auto accident involving a Franklin County investigator (Prosecuting Attorney) (\$500) by Ron O'Brien, Prosecutor.

This was a property damage only auto accident.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 800-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 801-07, preliminary allocation and final encumbrance of County Motor Vehicle License Tax (\$5) funds to the city of Dublin (Engineer) (\$500,000) by Dean Ringle, Engineer.

This is a portion of Dublin's cost of the Tuttle Road improvement, we recommend approval.

President Kilroy asked if bike paths and pedestrian ways built into it. Mr. Ringle said yes, it has sidewalks and leisure paths included.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 801-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 802-07, Bradshaw Blvd. accepted for public maintenance and shall become part of the Prairie Twp. road system (Engineer) by Mr. Ringle.

This is a cul-de-sac, part of the Post Oaks Country estates. The street has been built; we want to accept it and turn it over for maintenance with the township.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 802-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 803-07, Baker Ridge Drive and Maple Valley Drive accepted for public maintenance and shall become part of the Prairie Twp. road system (Engineer) by Mr. Ringle.

This is another subdivision, and we recommend turning them over.

Commissioner Brown asked about the process, how does the Engineer know about these roads. Mr. Ringle said the township is part of the design process, then when it goes to construction, we oversee the construction of the roadways as part of the county system. They work with us throughout, and we notify them before you pass a resolution turning it over. We are part of the Development Commission team that looks at all the different issues; to be sure all the parts are being looked at when you're building a new subdivision.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 803-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 804-07, report (first) of the County Engineer and establishing sums for compensation and damages for a portion of the owners in the matter of the improvement of Walker Road, Brown Twp., Franklin County, Ohio (Drainage Engineer) (\$372) by Tim Lucks, Real Estate Administrator.

This is compensation for a drainage improvement.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 804-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 805-07, report (fourth) of the County Engineer and establishing sums for compensation and damages for a portion of the owners in the matter of the improvement of Hague Ave., County Road No. 66, at Chippewa Street, Franklin Twp., Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$6,298) by Mr. Lucks.

This settles eight of the eleven property owners on the intersection improvement. We recommend approval.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 805-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 806-07, report (nineteenth) of the County Engineer and establishing sums for compensation and damages for a portion of the owners in the matter of the improvement of Clime Road, County Road No. 125 from US Route 62 (Harrisburg Pike) to Demorest Road, the city of Columbus and Franklin Twp., Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$4,241.87) by Mr. Lucks.

With these two settlements, we are 98% complete in purchasing the additional right-of-way for the Clime Road improvement, Phase II.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 806-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 807-07, report (thirty-seventh) of the County Engineer and establishing sums for compensation and damages for a portion of the owners in the matter of the improvement of Stelzer Road, County Road No. 177, and Agler Road, County Road No. 16, Mifflin Twp., Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$31,613) by Mr. Lucks.

This was a negotiated settlement, and it is our final settlement for our Agler Road improvement.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 807-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 808-07, approving plans for the Walker Road improvements, County Road No. 27, Brown Twp., Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) by Mr. Ringle.

These plans represent two improvements on Walker Road. One is the intersection with Roberts Road, East; and the other is a turn lane north of that intersection, which is going to access the new school for Hilliard. Both improvements are being paid by the school, for better access.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 808-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 809-07, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Subordination of Mortgage Instrument (Economic Development and Planning) (for Mary L. Everett) by Rollin Seward, Assistant Director.

This is a standard subordination, all taxes are current.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 809-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 810-07, review of petition to annex 25.7 +/- acres from Madison Twp. to the village of Groveport by Vickie Ackerman, Cathy & Steven Fields, Paul & Nora Wiegerig, Carl & Ruth Evans, Barbara Moore Trustee (Case No. ANX-EXP2-20-07) (Economic Development and Planning) by Lee Brown, of the Department.

All statutory requirements have been met and we recommend approval.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 810-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 811-07, review of petition to annex 29.7 +/- acres from Madison Twp. to the village of Groveport by A. Johnson, Clarence R. Morris, Richard Fields & Cathleen J. Charles (Case # ANX-EXP2-21-07) (Economic Development and Planning) by Mr. Brown.

All statutory requirements have been met and we recommend approval.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 811-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 812-07, authorizing supplemental appropriations for grant funds (Economic Development and Planning) (\$2,742,510.06) by Mr. Seward.

This will authorize supplemental appropriations for grant funds. They will be used for housing, community and economic development projects. It will fund projects approved in the County's 2007 Action Plan.

President Kilroy said now this is putting together funds from various projects that either did not use all the money for a project or for some reason did not go forward with a project. Mr. Seward said the County's fiscal year and the grant cycles are different, and monies from 2006 have to be carried forward. They are repurposed.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 812-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 813-07, authorizing approval for one additional full-time planner (Economic Development and Planning) by Lee Brown.

I am very happy to bring this forward. I am grateful and appreciative of your sincere, heartfelt urging. With this planner we will almost be completely full-staffed in the Planning Dept. again. All projects that have been wavering will be full speed ahead, and we hope to improve our service.

President Kilroy said I know a lot of work will fall on your Department, because of the County's commitment to the Darby process and the Darby Accord. Your department is going to have to shoulder that burden. There are also the long-awaited sub-division revisions.

Lee Brown said we can really do some good. Columbus helped, initially, to get the Darby process going in the past two years, but definitely the County has taken the lead working with this process. 95% of the property that will remain in the unincorporated areas within the Darby Accords, we'll definitely have a lead roll in what eventually will happen in the next 10-30 years.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 813-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 814-07, approving personnel actions (Human Resources) by Maggie Snow, Director.

I recommend these actions to you.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 814-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 815-07, approving Child Support Enforcement personnel actions (Human Resources) by Ms. Snow.

I recommend these actions to you.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 815-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was approved, with President Kilroy abstaining.

Resolution No. 816-07, authorizing a contract for the modernization of an elevator at FCCC II with Roberts Electrical Construction Co., Inc. (Public Facilities Management) (\$196,800) by Ron Keller, Director.

This will allow us to modernize the second elevator at FCCC II. I recommend approval.

Commissioner Brooks asked if this was the lowest bid. Mr. Keller said it was the lowest responsive proposal that we received. We received two.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 816-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 817-07, authorizing an intergovernmental agreement between Franklin County and the city of Dublin for the administration of wireless 9-1-1 grant dollars (Commissioners) (\$73,148.04) by Ken Wilson, Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

This is another of our intergovernmental agreements.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 817-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 818-07, accepting the amount and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor (Commissioners) by Mr. Wilson.

This is to accept property tax rates and estimated levy rates, and general fund, and property tax revenues for the coming fiscal year as certified by the Budget Commission. These rates are based on 2007 property values for tax collection year 2008 as determined by the County Auditor. I will note these rates do not include levies planned for the November ballot, or those expiring this year have been removed from the estimate.

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 818-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

President Kilroy said before we go to Executive Session, I would like a report from today's bond sale by County Administrator Don Brown, and also get a report on what we as a County have heard from Emergency Management Agency and its Board regarding the repair of the sirens.

The bonds to finance the construction of Huntington Park began at 9:30 this morning, until 11:00 am. We will give you a recap on the sale at 11:30. We expect the sale will be over-subscribed. There seems to be a shortage of high quality debt for sale right now.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Brown, Ken Wilson and OMB staff for their hard work on this bond issue.

Mr. Brown explained that we expect peak attendance, and therefore peak gate and concession revenues for the first seven to ten years, so we expect to pay off as much of the debt as we can during that period, rather than stretching over 20 years. This will be self supporting debt.

President Kilroy asked Deputy County Administrator Bill Flaherty to report on the progress of repairing the emergency sirens. She explained that EMA has its own staff and its own Board. But the County, and other jurisdictions, in the face of this emergency situation and our focus on getting the sirens repaired, all pitched in so this could happen.

Mr. Flaherty said on August 25, 2007, there was an outage of the emergency warning system because of the way they had been activated. EMA had been working to restore service, and last week a large order of repair parts was issued. We asked they be expedited, and in order to install them, our Purchasing Dept., our Public Facilities Management and EMA worked to mobilize crews to install the new parts.

Capital City Electric was hired for the emergency repairs, DataCom, who has the maintenance and service contract was there with full crews, and Westerville, Dublin, Bexley and Columbus supplied trucks, drivers and electricians. Those crews were able to install all the parts that were received. There is still more work to be done, but the work over the weekend was done through the exercise of the County Administrator's emergency authority.

67 of the 146 were in partial service, 3 of four speakers were operational. 71 more sirens were restored to full service. We will receive additional parts tomorrow. This was a very collaborative effort, and DataCom and Art Baker from EMA worked very well on crew assignment.

President Kilroy said we appreciate the work of all those crews, Dublin, Westerville, Bexley, Columbus and the County are all part of the EMA board and it was good to work together.

Commissioner Brooks said this was a great effort, I know we reached out far and wide to just about every jurisdiction in Franklin County to enlist help. I still have a lot of questions of how we got to this place. There is nothing more important than the safety and security of our community. Commissioner Brown said I appreciate your hard work, the EMA and the other jurisdictions, thank you.

Resolution No. 819-07, of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel regarding pending or imminent litigation; and for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee (Commissioners).

Commissioner Brooks moved for approval of Resolution 819-07, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

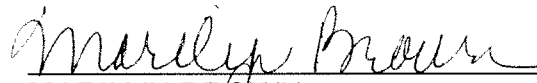
The Commissioners convened into Executive Session. At 10:25 am, the Commissioners voted to end Executive Session. No action was taken.

These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of September 18, 2007.

MARY JO KILROY, PRESIDENT



PAULA BROOKS



MARILYN BROWN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

Submitted by:



Debra A. Willaman, Clerk

**Presented at the September 18, 2007
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of the
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Report of Don L Brown, County Administrator Concerning Exercise of Authority to Perform Administrative Functions in a Disaster or Emergency

To expedite repairs of the outdoor emergency warning sirens, the County Administrator exercised his emergency contracting authority established by Ohio Revised Code Section 305.30 and the Board of Commissioners' Resolution 1254-99.

Additional repair parts, utility trucks, drivers and electricians were needed to return the emergency siren warning network to full service.

On Friday morning, September 14th, the County Administrator asked Richard Myers, Assistant Director of the Department of Public Facilities Management to secure bids to contract for repair crews to install new parts in damaged sirens throughout the county.

Mr. Myers contacted two firms. By Friday afternoon a selection of a firm had to be made if crews were to be available to do repairs over the weekend. However, only one bid had been returned.

The bid from Capital City Electric was determined to be fair. The company was asked to supply five utility trucks, eight electricians and five truck drivers for Saturday and possibly Sunday.

The crews reported as requested on Saturday and installed more than 130 repair parts throughout the network. All available parts having been installed on Saturday, the crews were not needed on Sunday.

The cost of the trucks, drivers and electricians for the Saturday work is \$15,370. There were no charges for Sunday.

Capital City Electric worked under the direction of the Emergency Management Agency's maintenance contractor, Datacom. The contract with Datacom will be amended to include the services provided by Capital City Electric.

Additional repair parts have been ordered to complete the repair of the network. Capital City Electric will provide several crews and trucks to work with Datacom tomorrow, Wednesday, September 19th.

It is also important to report that the cities of Westerville, Dublin, Bexley and Columbus supplied trucks and drivers and electricians.

Crew assignments were made by Datacom and Art Baker of EMA in a very efficient manner.